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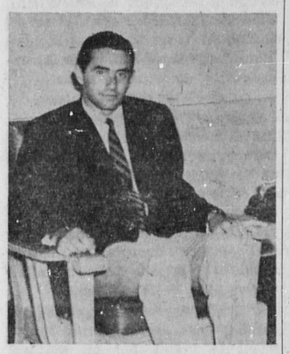

James Hunt '54 received the Dutton Fellowship earlier this week. He will use the grant for graduate study in England.

Dutton Fellowship Awarded To Hunt

James Hunt '54 has been named recipient of the Dutton Fellowship which provides $2,500 to be used toward a year's post-graduate study in Britain, France, or Holland. The award is given by the honorable Redfield Proctor.

Hunt was chosen on the basis of high scholastic standing, college leadership, and interests in sports and outdoor life. The committee which chose Hunt consisted of Proctor, President Samuel Stratton, and Dean Storrs Lee.

Hunt plans to study economics, political science, and philosophy at the University of London. He is a dean's list student and president of the Men's Undergraduate Association. A member of Blue Key, Hunt plays varsity basketball and golf. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

No Immediate Plans Made; Carnival Production Still Set

By Jim McElwain

A new Middlebury College Playhouse can not be obtained until next fall at the earliest says President Samuel S. Stratton. The disastrous fire which destroyed the old Playhouse early Christmas Eve morning has presented the problem of finding funds for a new building.

The trustees of Middlebury plan to consider the problem this Saturday, but even if funds were available, planning and construction could not be finished until next year. President Stratton estimated that the money needed would not be less than $200,000. Insurance values on the old Playhouse are in the vicinity of $50,000, and therefore at least $150,000 will have to be raised.

Immediate Problems

The immediate problem of housing and class instruction has already been solved. Members of the Drama Department: Associate Professor Erie T. Volkert, instructors Frederick Bowman and James Van Wart; now have their offices on the second floor of the Gables, the old apartment-house next to the Scene Shop. Classes will be held on the first floor and in Munroe 303, so that a stage may be used. The Drama Department also has permission to buy new texts, lighting equipment, and other necessities for adequate instruction.

Since the Carnival play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," is to be held in the High School gymnasium, finding an auditorium for use next year is of no immediate concern. However, for such productions as Allison Phinney's three act play, an auditorium of smaller size will eventually have to be found.

Loss

The loss incurred during the Christmas Eve fire involved all the valuable lighting equipment, the movie projector, the movie screen, and the recorders. Also the make-up boxes, one complete room of men's costumes, a great number of books, small properties, two sets of curtains, a large rug, and most heavy furniture was either burned or destroyed by water. Scenery, paints, and tools were practically all in the Scene Shop, however, and contrary to previous statements, Prof. Volkert's prize collection of costumes was not destroyed. They had been moved to the basement of Forest Hall earlier this fall.

Cause Undetermined

The cause of the fire has never been determined. The alarm was turned in by Hubert Blaise, the college night-watchman, at 5:40 a.m., but due to the fact that the generator on Weybridge Street burned out at 5:00 a.m., it is believed that the fire was raging for quite awhile before it was discovered. This was reduced because all the electric clocks stopped at 5:00.

Apparently the fire started backstage and quickly burned up to the roof in the drafty old building. It then spread through the auditorium attic and swept up the spire. Due to the intensity of the heat and the falling slate from the roof, firemen had great difficulty in approaching the building.

Prof. Volkert persuaded the firemen to put up a ladder at the front of the building so that he could

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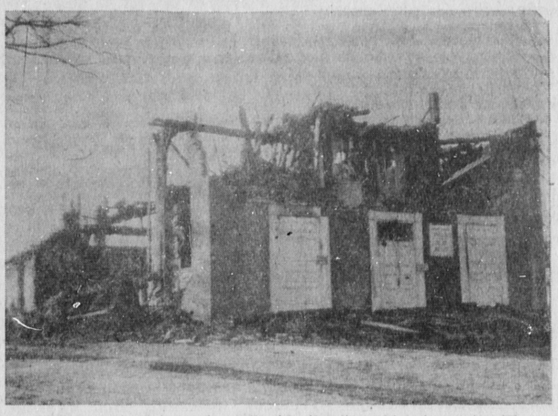

Little remained but ruins following the fire which swept the Playhouse during vacation. The building and much of the equipment must be considered a complete loss.

Auden To Lecture On Modern Poetry

W. H. Auden, renowned English poet, will deliver the annual Abernethy Lecture in Mead Memorial Chapel this Tuesday at 8 p.m.

According to Viola White, curator of the Abernethy Library, Auden plans to divide his speaking hour between a talk and a reading. In his last letter from Italy he said, "I thought I might talk for about forty minutes about 'Nature, History and Poetry,' and then read for about twenty minutes from my own work."

Auden has evenly divided his writing career between England and the United States. Born in England and educated at Oxford he was one of a group of young leftist poets in the thirties. Others in this group included Stephen Spender and Cecil Day Lewis.

Always vitally concerned with the events of his time, Auden went to Spain during the Civil War and to China during the war with Japan. Some of the writings of his English period are "Poems," "Dance

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Sorority Rushing Begins February 1

Formal rushing for sororities will begin on Monday evening, February 1, and continue until Sunday, March 13, as announced by Susan Lackey '54, president of the Pan-Hellenic Council.

The program will be opened by a Pan-Hellenic reception for freshmen and transfer women in Pearson's living room. Two members from each sorority will be present to talk with the girls and answer questions. The general functions of sororities will be explained and the rushees will be given booklets describing each of the sororities.

Open houses will be held on February 3, 4, and 5. During these three evenings, women going through rushing will have the opportunity to visit all of the sorority rooms, meet the girls, and learn about the activities of various groups.

At 10 p.m. on February 5, the President and several other Pan-Hellenic members will visit the freshmen dorms to read over the

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The King and Queen of the 1954 Winter Carnival will be chosen from the following twelve seniors: front row, l. to r.; Monica Dorr, Juliette Camden, Jean-Marie McKenna, Mary Jane Montgomery, Jean Tibbetts, Joan Cramp. Second row: Douglas Binning, Jeremy Foss, Evan Andersen, James Hunt, Edward Killeen, and Patrick McKegney.

12 Carnival King And Queen Candidates Selected By Students In Chapel Vote

Twelve seniors have been elected candidates for Carnival King and Queen as announced Monday by Evan Andersen '54 and Marguerite Brown '54, Carnival co-chairmen. The selection was made by vote of the entire college from all members in the senior class.

Those chosen were: Evan Andersen, Douglas Binning, Jeremy Foss, James Hunt, Edward Killeen, Patrick McKegney, Juliette Camden, Joan Cramp, Monica Dorr, Jean-Marie McKenna, Mary Jane Montgomery, and Jean Tibbetts.

Final Vote

The final vote for King and Queen will be taken in Chapel shortly after the beginning of sec-

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Mozart Opera To Be Given Sunday Nite At High School

Mozart's comic opera "The Abduction from the Seraglio" will be presented at the Middlebury High School Auditorium on Sunday, January 10, at 8:15 p.m., by the New Boston Opera Company and the Vermont State Symphony Orchestra.

Alan Carter, chairman of the music department at Middlebury, will conduct the performance, and Bliss Hebert, Boston and New York coach and conductor, is in charge of stage and dramatic direction. The performance will be sponsored by the Christian Association.

This opera, the first to be produced on a full scale in Vermont, was first performed in Springfield on December 13. It will be sung entirely in English; a new translation, by Ruth and Thomas Martin, of the original German text will be used. The plot concerns the rescue of a Spanish lady and her servant, through the efforts of their lovers, from the harem of a Turkish noble.

The singers, well-known Boston and New York young people, have appeared at such places as the New York City Center and Tanglewood at Lenox, Massachusetts, with the New England Opera Company, Gershwin Theatre productions, and the Bard Opera Society of Baltimore, Maryland.

Five Middlebury students will take part in the production. David Bridges '55 and George Tuttle '56 are in charge of lighting and properties. They also built the scenery, under the supervision of Professor Erie Volkert of the drama department, and will take the parts of two guards. Mona Meyers '56 will be a statue in the production, and Robert James '55 and Barbara Rice '57 will play in the orchestra.

Set Design

The set was designed by Aldina Mockus of Boston, and the entire production has been supervised by Harlan Grant of Boston. Tickets are on sale for one dollar at the Music Studio and the Vermont Book Store. They will also be sold in the dormitories.

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Playhouse

Two weeks after the loss of the Playhouse, conditions are slowly beginning to improve. Temporary housing for the drama department and an announcement that activities for the next semester will go on as scheduled have answered the most pressing questions. Plans for a new Playhouse are still very unsettled, but the Trustees' meeting this weekend should see the beginning of plans.

Earlier in the week, alternatives to a new Playhouse were being rumored around campus. One was to the effect that some present building could be altered to meet the need and the other story suggested the possibility of a temporary building similar to the Student Union. Reports from the President's office this week were more satisfactory and a permanent theater seems to be the strongest possibility.

Such a project poses two major problems. The first is money which seems to be the root of all the college's difficulties. The necessary amount would probably necessitate some type of campaign. Of course, a new Playhouse has been considered a primary need for some time and was listed as such in a report issued by the President last spring. The situation now has merely moved from the speculative stage to one if immediate necessity. If the college were to go for very long without adequate dramatic facilities, if would suffer an internal loss which could affect the caliber of the whole school. The dramatic group is one of the most creative groups at Middlebury. For this season, we are sure that the Administration and Trustees will place a new theater at the top of their list for immediate consideration and the college should find itself with a new building before long.

The other problem which must receive careful consideration before anything final can be accepted is the type of building from which the college could most profit. An auditorium which could seat the school is also needed, but this would be a little too large for the drama group. Possibly some combination could be worked out. Except for the loss of personal property and equipment, the Christmas eve fire could turn into a blessing in disguise.

Before closing, a few words should be said in behalf of the Players. The conditions under which they are now working present more difficulties than in the past. People will be particularly needed for the Carnival play and anyone that would be willing to help out should get in touch with one of the Wig and Pen members or Mr. Volkert. With enough participation, the fire should have neligible results on the next production.

Committee Alters Readmission Rules

A change in Administration policy with regard to readmission after academic failure was announced this week by the Administration Committee. The change is in line with the Committee's general tightening up of standards.

The new regulation reads as follows: "A student who is dropped in June for academic failure may not be considered for readmission by the Deans or Administration Committee until he has satisfactorily completed one academic year at another accredited institution; a student dropped at mid-years, however, may apply for readmission the following September provided he has obtained a satisfactory record for one semester and one summer session at accredited institutions. It is understood that exceptions may be made for veterans."

This regulation will replace the present provision which states that "a student who is requested to withdraw from College for academic or disciplinary reasons is not eligible for readmission until at least one semester has elasped. However, a student dropped in June for academic reasons may be reconsidered by the Administration Committee for readmission the following September if he obtains in an approved summer session a minimum of six credits of C grade or better . . ."

It is the opinion of the Committee that students attach little importance to academic failure, feeling that all that is necessary is attendance at a mediocre summer school and the acquisition of the required number of credits to return the following semester. The Committee also pointed out that it is difficult to set up a worthwhile curriculum when a student returns in February.

The committee stressed the fact that the Administration still wants students to return but only after they have shown evidence that they are willing to accept the responsibilities of college and after they have made it clear that they are capable of continuing their studies at Middlebury and keeping them up to the standards of the college.

Homeward-Bounder Faces Inescapable Reality: "All Roads Lead To Pine Plains"

By Mel Gussow

The most anticipated event in the life of the Middlebury student is Going Home. He may look forward to Carnival, finals in snap courses, and full moons, but not with the same hope and anxiety that he does when he contemplates Going Home. Second in amount of profound contemplation (although it is contemplation of an entirely different nature) is Coming Back, which is also known as Going Back. Also, Going Home has been called Coming Home. But, let us pull ourselves out of this confusion and hasten to the subject of this article which is the simple fact that "All Roads Lead to Pine Plains."

Especially since the celebrated but inevitable demise of the Rutland Supersonic Cattle Express, Going Home (and Coming Back) has generally taken place in four wheeled vehicles called cars. To those car riders from the New York City area, this article is addressed.

There are three ways of Going Home to New York, notwithstanding those routes invented by people who travel to New York by way Boston or Buffalo or some other outlying village. There is the Vermont Route 7 All-the-way-down-to-the-Merritt trip, the New York Route 22 All-the-way-to-God-knows-where trip, and the New York Route 22 Cut-over-to-Taconic-State Parkway trip.

All Roads

Invariably homeward bounders choose the last of these routes in their journeys toward the Big City (and its reverse in their journeys from the Big City). Through traveling on Route 22 and the Taconic by now they all must have become aware of one thing, a truism: All Roads Lead to Pine Plains.

Pine Plains is one of those small hamlets that dot upstate New York, and it could accurately be described as a commercialized Ripton. Whizzing through in any direction, there is only time to swallow about twice between the "You are entering Pine Plains. Enjoy its beauty. Drive safely," sign and the "You are leaving Pine Plains" sign. The beauty of Pine Plains is condensed to two streets which cross each other. In trips from New York to Middlebury and Middlebury to New York it is practically impossible to avoid these streets.

On these streets are a handful of stores - drug stores, drygoods stores, gas stations (the Pine Plains stations mostly are gas pumps planted in the sidewalk, on top of which you have to drive to have your tank filled, oil changed, or hands washed) and a single movie theatre which is alternately showing a Randolph Scott western and a Martin and Lewis comedy. There is also a restaurant in Pine Plains, Tina's, a glorified bar which serves Italian-American food, and is more Middlebury than Italian or American.

Camarderie And Eisenhower

Stop in Tina's anytime and you will find more Middlebury students than ever enter the North Lounge of the Student Union in four years of college-type life. Join in the camaraderie around the blazing picture of President Eisenhower and compare rumors about weather conditions and the price of minestrone soup in Pine Plains.

I like Tina's (although I don't think I have ever met her) and I like Pine Plains, but for the last three years I have been there every Going Home and Coming Back Day. Many times I have purposely tried to avoid entering the fair city, but the logical conclusion is "All Roads Lead to Pine Plains."

Whether you go down Vermont 30 to New York 22, and then cut over to the Taconic or you go on Vermont 7 to Bennington and then swing onto New York 22 there comes a point of decision. Heading south on 22 you reach the thriving metropolis of Copake Falls. Soon there is a divergence in the road. If you go right, you visit West Copake, Ancram, and Silvernails. I have never been to Silvernails myself, although it has long been a secret desire of mine, but I have been assured by those who know, that this, the Silvernails Road, leads to Pine Plains.

Ancramdale

But continue riding south on 22 and there comes another turnoff, this one through Ancramdale, and, you guessed it, it leads to Pine Plains. As does the next, first Millerton, then Pine Plains. No matter where you turn, if you want to go from Route 22 to the Taconic, it's a cinch that you will pass through Pine Plains. It's an inevitability.

Often I have traveled on this road and purposely driven contrary to the Pine Plains signs. One time in particular, I disobeyed every one of them. If it said Pine Plains to the left, I went right. If it said Pine Plains straight ahead, I turned around, but no matter where I turned or what road I took, I still ended up in Pine Plains.

Strange Turnoff

Only once did I think that I had beaten the Pine Plains Jinx. Just outside of Copake Falls one day (a Going Home Day), I saw a strange turnoff, one I had never taken before. "Taconic State P'k" it read and pointed to the right. Here, I thought, is a short cut to the Taconic. By taking it I hoped to aovid Pine Plains - and the gay camaraderie. I took the turn, but apparently Taconic P'k means Taconic State Park and not Taconic State Parkway, for I soon found myself in the midst of a state park with no exit, but my entrance, in sight. Reversing myself, I went back to 22, turned at the next right, went through Ancramdale, and drove merrily into Pine Plains. Try as I could to disprove it, I have become convinced that All Roads Lead to Pine Plains, and there's nothing you can do about it. Except build your own road.

Candidates

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ond semester. The remaining ten students will form the Carnival Court. The King and Queen will probably be announced at the Carnival Ball.

Men

Andersen is serving as co-chairman for the Carnival this year. He belongs to the debate team and is a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Binning is captain of the hockey team and last year was voted All-American in this sport. He is a member of Blue Key, Men's Assembly, and Delta Upsilon.

Foss is president of Blue Key, and is also a member of Men's Assembly. Last spring he was elected to Waubanakee. He is a member of Chi Psi.

Hunt received the Dutton Fellowship this week. He is the president of the Men's Undergraduate Assembly and Blue Key. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, he plays varsity basketball and golf.

Killeen also plays varsity basketball. He is a member of Blue Key and vice-president of the Men's Undergraduate Association. Killeen belongs to Chi Psi.

McKegney was recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He is a member of Blue Key and the Carnival committee. This year, he is serving as president of Alpha Tau Omega.

Women

Miss Camden serves as cheerleader and is a member of Women's Forum and the Ice Show. She belongs to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Miss Cramp is Chief Justice of the Women's Undergraduate Assembly and Mortar Board. She won the Optima Award last spring. A member of Skyline, she is serving as co-chairman of publicity for Conference. She belongs to Pi Beta Phi.

Miss Dorr is manager of the Women's ski team and vice president of Alpha Xi Delta. She participated in the Variety Show last spring.

Miss McKenna captains the women's ski team this winter. She is a member of Mortar Board and the French Club.

Junior Weekend Queen last spring, Miss Montgomery is a member of the Ski Patrol. She appeared in last year's Variety Show and belongs to Pi Beta Phi.

Miss Tibbetts serves as cheerleader and is a member of Women's Forum. She was in the Ice Show and belongs to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Carnival Plans

Plans for Carnival are progressing rapidly. The winner of the poster contest will be announced next week. The name of the band contracted for the Carnival Ball should also be released shortly. Committees are meeting regularly now so that everything will be ready by Carnival Weekend, February 18 to 20.

Rushing

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rushing rules and answer questions.

The sororities will informally entertain the rushees at first parties on the nights of February 11, 12, and 15. At a short meeting in Pearson's living room on February 16, at 4:30 p.m., the members of Mortar Board will discuss sororities and Mrs. Kelly will give an informal talk.

That evening the rushees will sign up for the three second parties they would like to attend. At second parties, between March 1 and March 10, rushees will see a more serious side of the sororities.

An informal Pan-Hellenic forum will be held on March 11 to answer any questions that the rushees may have. Later that day they will designate in preferential order the three sororities they would like to join. Bids from the sororities to the rushees will be delivered Sunday morning, March 13. Bids must be answered that same morning.

Playhouse

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obtain some valuables in his office. The danger was not too great on this side of the building, and Prof. Volkert reached some of his books. But before he could get them in hand, the cornice above started to fall. He and two firemen jumped from the ladder. Although landing safely, Prof. Volkert was momentarily stunned when he was hit on the back with debris.

At 6:30 a.m., most of the wooden frame was destroyed, and the firemen pushed in the brick walls that remained standing without support.

Financial Aid

Within the last week financial aid has been offered from several sources. Two local citizens have sent in eleven dollars with a note saying that past performances in the Playhouse were always appreciated. Also members of drama groups at UVM and Williams have offered aid. The Players are now working to salvage equipment taken from the ruins.

Arthur Healy, associate professor of Fine Arts, will be absent from Middlebury next year on a sabbatical leave, which he plans to spend in Europe painting and doing research.

News In Paragraphs

The CAMPUS requests that the submitting of names of pinned couples for publication as a joke be abandoned. If this continues, printing of pinnings will have to be discontinued entirely.

Recently pinned were: Richard Wagner, '53, to Josephine Eaton, '54; Andrew Barnes, '54, to Dale Hulburd, UVM '54; Richard Davenport, '54, to Elizabeth Flint, St. Lawrence '54; Frederick Norton, '55, to Carrol Anderson, '56; Kent Weld, '55, to Nancy Grimm, '55; Robert Gilmore, '56, to Jeanne Hauselman, '56.

Also: Phillips Terhune '56, to Carol Van Duyn, '57; Dianne Rowe, '56, to James Perry, University of New Hampshire '56; Margot Talmage, '56, to Wayne Cliff, Dartmouth '55; Thomas Feininger '56 to Dawn Mather, Hofstra '57.

Also pinned were William Skiff '54 to Faye Lunsford, Georgia State Teachers College '54.

Engaged were: Joseph Peck, '53, to Doris Sturtevant, '54; Ferdinand Wyckoff, '54, to Mary Lou Bayles, '54; Julie Heilborn, '54, to William Horne, University of Michigan '54.

Also: Mary Jane Montgomery, '54, to Peter Watts, Colgate '55; Jeanne Knapp, '55, to Howard Abbott, Williams '48; Lucile Withington, '55, to John Bigeron, Yale '50; Joan Waddell, '56, to David Coggins, Yale '54.

Married were: Dorothy Ransford, '53, to Samuel Patch, '54; Carol Anderson, '54, to William Gwatkin, USN; and Tinka Risk, '54, to Peter Reed, Cornell '54.

Stephen Freeman has been elected president of the National Federation of Modern Language Teachers which met in Chicago from December 28 to 31. The Federation includes many language organizations, such as the American Association of Teachers of German. Professor Werner Neuse was reelected president of the latter organization for another year term at the Chicago meetings.

Dr. Freeman spoke on a 30 minute NBC radio program Sunday, January 3, as part of the University of Chicago's Round Table series. The program topic was "America's Need for Greater Competence in Foreign Languages." Two other educators were on the program with the vice-president and it was moderated by Professor George Probst of the University of Chicago.

Applications for Ellis Fellowships for graduate study at Columbia University are now available in the office of Stephen Freeman, the college's vice-president. February 20 is the deadline for the applications.

Middlebury alumni who have recently been commissioned as Ensigns by the Navy include Daniel Scott '52, Haven Whiteside '52, Richard Allen '53, Richard Fenton '53, and Howard Thompson '53.

Three prizes totaling $900 established by the will of the late governor Percival Clement of Rutland, Vermont, are being offered to undergraduate men and women students of the junior and senior classes of 18 New England colleges for the best essays on the topic "In what circumstances may the Fifth Amendment of the Federal Constitution properly be invoked as protection against self-incrimination?" Essays should not exceed three thousand words in length. Further information may be obtained from Dean Lee.

Tchaikovsky will be the featured artist on the WRMC program "Music To Study By" this Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. Before the musical program Aurelie Jones '55 will give a short resume of the life of Tchaikovsky.

A plan for spending the junior year in Munich has been announced by Wayne University. Course work is offered in German languages and literature, art, history, and philosophy, political science, music and the natural sciences, while expenses are estimated at a total of $1,800. Applicants must have completed their sophomore year, and have had two years of college German or their equivalent. Approval of the home school is also necessary. Bulletins and application forms may be obtained from "Junior Year in Munich" Wayne University, Detroit 1, Michigan.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has recently announced new examinations for students in the fields of engineering and the physical sciences for positions as Student Aid Trainees. These positions, which pay from $2,750 to $3,175 a year, are for employment during school vacation periods. Positions are available in various establishments of the Potomac River Naval Command in Washington, D. C., and vicinity. Full details concerning the requirements are given in Announcement No. 4-34-1 (53), which may be obtained at the Placement Office. Applications will be accepted until further notice.

Slippery Roads Cause Accident

Heavy snow falls and icy roads in the New England area last Sunday night coupled to make the return drive to Middlebury a hazardous one.

In the most serious accident on the treacherous journey, Manning Cole '56 suffered a skull injury, a broken right leg, and a cracked vertebra. Jay Harris '56, the driver and owner of the car received a fractured pelvis, the Dean's Office announced this week.

Two other men students badly damaged their cars on the return trip but there were no injuries involved.

Trustees Will Meet At MIT

The trustees will hold their quarterly meeting at MIT in Boston this weekend, it has been announced by President Samuel Stratton. All the Middlebury MIT Plan students have been invited to a luncheon on Saturday.

The agenda of the 23 member, full board, meeting will include, among other committee reports, the selection of those to be conferred honorary degrees, the commencement speaker, and the passing of budgets and plans for the summer schools. Immediately after the meeting, President Stratton will leave for Cincinnati where he will attend the meeting of the Association of American Colleges.

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Mass, A.I.C. And Amherst Bow To Midd Dennis Is High Scorer In N.E. Tourney

By Ernie Lorch

In a busy Christmas vacation schedule the Middlebury Basketball Team amassed a highly respectable 3 and 3 record defeating U. of Massachusetts, American International College and Amherst while losing to Brown, Army and Dartmouth. During these six games Dennis scored an amazing total of 140 points and was the high scorer of the Dartmouth Tournament with 71.

Opening against the University of Massachusetts, the Panthers, led by Sonny Dennis, scored a 52-50 victory in overtime. The next evening, in Springfield, the hoopsters continued their winning ways with an impressive 76-68 triumph over a strong A. I. C. five. On Friday the 18th, the team ended its trip by being soundly trounced by a strong Army squad at West Point.

Special mention must be made about the Army game since it stands out as the worst officiated game of many years. If Ranger fans are mad at the National Hockey League officials, the job done on the Panthers was certainly hard to surpass. It is rare when we comment on officials, especially after a losing contest, but even at the risk of being misinterpreted this performance has the dubvious distinction of deserving mention. The score was 91-55. The Army team played superior ball yet some crucial calls during a wild third period of play can clearly be pointed to as reasons for the rout. The half time score was 35-25; at the end of the third period it was 67-38.

Dennis The Menace

In the opening game of the trip Sonny Dennis scored the final two of his 24 pt. total, with three seconds to go in overtime, to give the Panthers a close 52-50 decision. Trailing at the end of the first half by one point, the Midd. Team made up the deficit in the final period before squeeking out the victory in overtime. Ed Killeen also scored in double figures, hitting for 10 points.

On the following evening the Panthers roared past American International College by a count of 76-68. Again trailing at the half, 33-30, the Panthers came fighting back in the second half to score 46 points and steadily pull away from their opponents. Dennis again led the scoring with 26 points being closely followed by Jimmy Hunt's 20. Optimism ran high as the team moved into the Point to meet highly favored Army. Ragged play and poor officiating, coupled with tremendous performances by Army's big center Hannon, who scored 30 points, and outside man Binstien, made things too hot for the Lupienmen who left the floor soundly beaten yet in no way disheartened.

Moving over to Hanover, New Hampshire for the second part of their vacation schedule, the Dartmouth Tourney, the Middlebury Panthers came in 6th in a field of eight teams. Sonny Dennis, however, captured one of the major honors of this first New England Tournament by being the high scorer of the affair with a total of 71 points for three games.

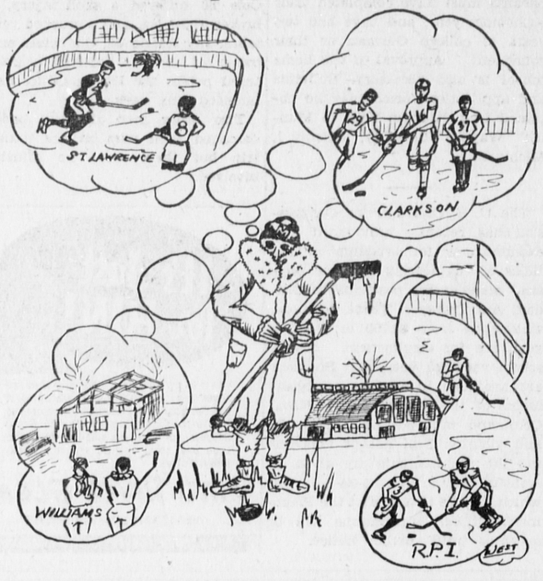
On the first night of play the Panthers met the runner-up team, Dartmouth, and were beaten by the score of 63-54. This nine point edge was highly respectable after the 31 point victory the hot Dartmouth team had at U. V. M. not two weeks ago. At the outset of the contest the hoopsters tried a zone defense in an attempt to equalize somewhat the big Green's height advantage. This maneuver proved unsuccessful as Patterson loosened the zone from outside while big Wisdom controlled the boards and murdered Middlebury from up close. In the first minutes of play the men of Dogie Julien jumped into an 11-5 lead and never relinquished this advantage. Dennis kept the Blue and White in the game with 22 points while Hunt contributed nine for the runner-up spot in the Panther scoring column.

On the next evening, the again underdog Midd. five, met the strong Amherst aggregation. With an extremely hot first half the Panthers rolled to an early lead which they maintained throughout the half leading by five at the whistle. Hunt, extremely effective from the outside, and the twisting Dennis from the inside, led this early drive. The Amherst Club came back strong, after the rest period, to go into the lead with only a minute to go in the game. Here Dennis's one hander saved the day and set the stage for a thrilling overtime victory, 66-64. In the overtime, the little scrapper, John Hoops, poured 6 points through the "Hoop" to become Middlebury's unsung hero. Dennis had 23, Hunt 17 and lets not forget Hoops had 6.

The final game was with the tough Brown Five from Providence. Brown led, as expected, from start to finish yet had a big scare which the fans at Hanover will never forget. Trailing at half time by nine points, Tony Lupien switched into a zone at the start of the third period. This threw the Ivy Leaguers off balance especially with the two hawkers, Hoops and Frosh Woodbury out front. With this Brown laps and Dennis's consistant scoring the Panthers pulled up 47-45 as the third period ended. In the fourth, tired from their long tourney where they consistantly averaged inches shorter than their opponents, the pace began to tell and Brown getting hot rolled to a 12 point win 71-59. Dennis scored 26 and Hunt 11 to lead the team in scoring.

Summary result were these happy ones: Wins three - losses three, Dennis high scorer of Dartmouth Tournament with 71 points, and finally Dennis scored 140 points in six games for an average of 23 plus points. The team, the coach, the school should be well pleased; the Dartmouth tournament committee was - we've been invited back next year.

Is Midd Heading From Nature At Last?



Verne, Doug Chosen

Doug Burden and Verne Goodwin have been chosen as members of the United States FIS team. Two of Middlebury's outstanding skiers, Burden and Goodwin won their posts at the FIS tryouts which were held recently at Alta, Utah. The U. S. FIS team will travel to Sweden in February for the world championship meet.

Verne, a member of the U. S. Olympic ski team in 1952, is now serving in the Army. Awarded a Dutton Fellowship to study in England, he was drafted during the past summer.

The fact that of the five men picked for the squad two were from Middlebury and three were from Dartmouth indicates the high rank of these schools on the national collegiate skiing scene.

From Out Of The Blue

By A. C. Bass

The white plague has descended upon us, the bickerings of A-21 or ZX50 resound from Chapel Hill to the Snow Bowl and there is ice to be found in the Field House. Yes, even the most avid indoor fan is aware that winter and Pantherdom are once again the combination to overcome.

Another combination, one that was difficult to cope with, was B. U. and B. C. on successive nights for Midd's iceless hockey club. Although scoring margins were, by no means excessive, the matter of opening a season against teams that are well into their schedules makes quite a chore. However, rumor has it that the situation has a good chance of changing in the very near future. While no-one in the front office is willing to go off the deep end until Monday, and a meeting of the board, the smell of artificial ice is in the cold cold air.

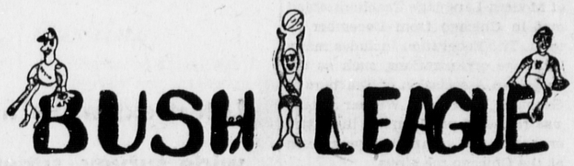
A Square In The Ring

Word has come in from Burlington that the Golden Gloves tournament is ready to get underway on January 14th. There are certain few of the Middlebury many who have qualifications to do well in such an event and should give it a try. In fact for those who are planning to enter a training program is being set up by some of the finest conditioning experts around (see room 417). For roadwork these stalwarts recommended a room on the fifth floor of Gifford to develop the wind, a 10:15 a.m. push to the Snack Bar to develop the strength, and a blind date down Green Mountain to develop the courage. Yes, I would say that the statement, "College can prepare you for anything," has truly reached its zenith.

Other Fields Of Endeavor

For those who are not quite up to maintaining the leather mittens another kind of competition is offered. Never let it be said that there isn't something for everyone at Midd. A ski photo contest is being sponsored by the Vermont Winter Sports Council and will continue through March 31.

All in all it looks like a promising winter. In fact with the new addition of these events to the myriad of other activities it looks like the biggest season of them all. However, I'll still take the Spring and Lake Dunmore.



And a happy bush league to you too. Yeah, great vacation. Your's also I gather from all the reports. O. K. 1954.

It seems a bit outdated but the end of volleyball, that pre-snow-post nothing game, did come and now the results: Theta Chi won. Well, with an average height of well over six feet it was almost a natural gesture. A surprise though was the fine showing of KDR; they were a close second dropping only one. I say surprise because I'm sure the combined height of the ranchers was but six feet (give or take a foot). ATO followed in third place with a respectable record of 7-2. Behind these three in progressively less respectable order came D. U., ASP, C. P., Neutrals, PKT and SPE. Couldn't mention the faculty with the former digression.

With that out of the way, we now look into the current season to see what it has to offer. Basketball is in full swing. A nightly session at the field house between at least two of the local Greek salons offers much entertainment for those of you with nothing on your minds and nothing better to do. Who knows you might see some good basketball.

So far, as we hit the midpoint of the season, KDR is leading the way towards. . . I don't know either anyway, they're leading. Bolstered by the stellar shooting of Olson and Byers (my, Bruce, what else do you play?) and the apt play making of Bill Skiff (a left over star of the Vermont High School system), these boys should end up where they are now. ASP is currently pushing the leaders however; with a 5-1 record (21 gun salute just heard in the background). They seem to be playing a few strokes better than par. That skat-back Ed Thompson is the top eye-man for the Slugs at present. He is averaging close to 10 points per outing. Teammate Gleason also vies for top Slugger on the team from town. DKE, now a quiet and independent machine, is tied for second with Alpha Sig. Led by Markus Makin (I'm still scoring 12 points a game) and Frosh Redman, the Royal Dekers are a hot squad to handle.

Following these clubs there is a random aggregation containing nearly every kind of athletic aspirant possible. Chi Psi and ATO still have more wins than losses and that's more than we can say about the rest. D. U., T. C., and SPE have at least won a game or two. The Neutrals and PKT are still in school I was informed so maybe they have yet to blossom. There's still time, the snow just came and the ground isn't too hard yet. Nimble knees Norcross, a D. U. stalwart is the only DU clubber to be in range of the consistent scorers . . .he has a fine average for a Rotund lad having thrown around ten points per contest. ATO's Goldberg has also been a big help, he's popped a mighty 12 points in each of his games. Big Dave McKissock, Theta Chi's strong arm intra-mural chief, is their only sharpshooter and now has averaged a neat 9-10 points per game. What has happened to their volleyball giants . . . that can't be their only athletic talent, can it?

CAMPUS SPORTS

Back Again -- Middlebury defensemen Doug Binning and Don Menard team up to stop an opposing forward. Both will be on hand for the home opener with Springfield on Monday.

Midd Drops 2 On Boston Ice Disputed Goal Is 1st Margin

By Walt Mears

Middlebury's perennial ice problem showed up vividily at the Boston Arena on December 29 and 30 as the Panther icemen dropped two games to Boston University and Boston College, 3-2 and 5-2. With very limited practice sessions, Middlebury came up against two teams which are already well along in their schedules, BU having played seven games, and BC eight.

In Tuesday night's encounter, Boston University topped Midd by a one goal margin, as sophomore John Murphy netted three goals for the Terriers. This win was BU's first of the season, and it snapped a seven game losing streak, but the experience gained in these previous contests gave the Bostonians the edge they needed to top Midd. Some tough breaks hurt the visitors too, as two Middlebury goals were ruled out, one because a Middlebury player was in the crease, and the second on a shot which bounced out of the goal, on which the referee overruled the goal judge who had already snapped on the red light. BU notched their initial tally in the first period as John Murphy drove home a long shot. Murphy took the puck on the opening face-off of the second stanza and lit the light again. The Panthers seemed to come to life later in the second period, and about midway through that frame Bernie Bouvier slapped a pass from Rollie Schopp into the drapes. A few minutes later Doug Binning took the puck the length of the ice and sent it home to tie the score with an unassisted goal. The Panthers couldn't score again however, and late in the third period BU's Murphy scored again to complete his hat trick and notch the Terriers first win of the season.

In Tuesday night's second game Boston College, ranked first in the East, succumbed to the attack of a powerful St. Lawrence sextet by a 4-1 count. The net-tending wizardry of the Larrie's Billy Sloane told the story in that game, as the St. Lawrence goal-tender turned aside 32 BC shots and backstopped his mates to a decisive triumph which unseated the Eagles from their lofty spot and established St. Lawrence as the East's top hockey power.

The following night Middlebury faced the impressive BC sextet, and gave them a run for their money before being downed 5-2. Jim Duffy netted one for Boston in the first period, and another goal sent the Eagles ahead 2-0 early in the second period, but the Panthers rallied to tie the score as Don Menard scored on a pass from Mac Binning, and George Carey added another, assisted by Dave Kunzmann. BC took the lead again in the closing minutes of the period, and two goals in the final chapter put the Eagles eighth victory in nine starts on ice.

On January 11 the Panthers will open their home season, with Springfield College providing the opposition, and they will move into high gear during the following week as they meet Yale, Amherst, and Williams. With an opportunity for a few more practice sessions the team should be able to smooth over many of the rough edges which were seen during the course of the Boston tournament, and with the fieldhouse ice under their feet once more the Middlebury sextet may prove hard to beat.

Box Scores

Boston University (3)—G. Bradley; defense, Kelley, Rousseau; forwards, Murphy, Burns, Mills

Middlebury (2)—G. Devine; defense, D. Binning, Menard; forwards, O'Keefe, M. Binning, Cooney

BU alternates—Dwyer, Driscoll, Whiting, Meehan

Middlebury alternates—Bouvier, Carey, McKnight, Patch, Carley, Kunzmann, Devine, Schopp

First period— BU, Murphy (Mills) 7:51; Penalties, Rousseau(hooking, 2:24); M. Binning (holding, 9:08); Menard (checking in the center zone, 19:03)

Second period—BU, Murphy (Burns) 0:06; Middlebury, Bouvier (Schopp) 8:45; Middlebury, D. Binning 14:12; Penalties, Murphy (elbow check, 5:56); Rousseau (tripping, 10:33); Meehan (high stick, 12:46); Menard and Dwyer (roughing, 19:30)

Third period—BU, Murphy (Mills) 13:14; Penalties, D. Binning (holding 3:10); D. Binning (leg check, 16:59)

Boston College (5)—G. D'Entremont; defense, Gagliardi, Kiley; forwards, Babine, Siblo, Caniff

Middlebury (2)—G. Farrar; defense, D. Binning, Carley; forwards, Schopp, Carey, Kunzmann

BC alternates—Duffy, Timmons, Quinn, Cisternelli, Forgues, Dempsey, Caroll, Gallagher, Smith, Vassail

Middlebury alternates—Bouvier, Menard, M. Binning, O'Keefe, McKnight, Patch, Cooney, Wakefield

First period—BC, Duffy, 18:03; Penalties, Patch (extra player on the ice, 6:18); Kiley (checking in the center zone, 8:58); D. Binning (hooking, 10:46); M. Binning (elbow check, 16:48)

Second period—BC, Quinn (Dempsey, Kiley) 5:18; Middlebury, Menard (M. Binning) 7:34; Middlebury, Carey (Kunzmann) 14:29; BC, Caroll (Babine, Kiley)

Third period—BC, Babine, 0:47; BC, Cisternelli (Kiley, Gallagher) 2:44 Penalties, Bouvier (tripping, 5:39); D. Binning (charging, 7:05); O'Keefe (checking in center zone, 11:55); Carley (charging, 13:28); Gallagher and D. Binning (roughing, 18:21)

Auden

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of Death," "The Dog Beneath the Skin," a play with Christopher Isherwood, and "Journey to a War," on the Spanish Civil War.

The poet emigrated to America in 1939. In his mature years he has turned from Marxism to Christianity as the explanation of world movements. Some of his books published here are "Another Time," "New Year Letter," "Age of Anxiety" and "Collected Shorter Poems." He received the Pulitzer Prize in 1948.

The Abernethy Lecture has long been a tradition at Middlebury; it is given each year on some aspect of American literature in commemoration of the birthday of Julian Willis Abernethy, the library's founder. Previous speakers have included Henry Steele Commanger and John Mason Brown.

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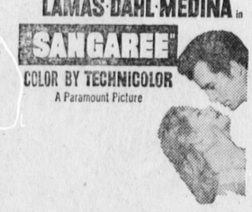

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MA Appoints Committees

The third meeting of the Men's Assembly was held on December 14, in Gifford Lounge. A reply from the University of New Hampshire was received on the set-up of a joint assembly, but it was not feasible for our campus. Enthusiasm among the men has waned with the discovery that there is very little overlapping of jurisdiction.

The committee on Concessions now stands: Robert Wiley '55, Chairman; Roger Chapin '54; Cyrus Anfindsen '56.

The Assembly decided that Blue Key can not be held responsible for damages after one of their sponsored activities. However, they voted to divide the expenses with the WUA.

A new committee was appointed to investigate the constitutions of new organizations under the jurisdiction of the Assembly. They are: Richard Davenport '54, Chairman; Channing Murdock '56 and Philip Norcross '55.

Robert Killeen '55 was appointed as co-editor of the handbook for next year.

A letter was received from Brown University extending an invitation to Middlebury to participate in the Inter-collegiate Student Government Council to be held March 5 and 6.

Women's Group Discusses Plans

At a meeting of the Women's Assembly on December 10, a bill from the Town Hall Theatre, the possibilities of a joint student government, Carnival hours, and the Thanksgiving vacation were some of the matters discussed.

The Town Hall Theatre sent a bill amounting to $35 for damages incurred during one of the football rallies. Since it was felt that the Men's and Women's Colleges were equally to blame, the cost was split evenly between the two Assemblies.

Joan Cramp '54 reported that letters had been written to other colleges already having a joint student government for suggestions; her committee will work out proposals during the vacation and submit them to the Assembly at its next meeting. As chief justice, she also stated that restrictions would be placed on women returning late from vacations.

Carnival hours for women, proposed by Marguerite Brown '54, Carnival co-chairman, and approved by the Assembly, are to be as follows: Thursday, 12 midnight, Friday, 2 a.m.; Saturday, 2 a.m.. The Saturday late permission will only go into effect if the fraternities hold open parties after the dance.

The Thanksgiving vacation, an experiment this year, was discussed at some length. A few felt it came too close to Christmas, but others spoke in its favor. It was suggested that in the future a dormitory would be kept open for those who wished to stay.

Ann Case '56, was elected co-editor of the handbook. She will work with a co-editor elected by the Men's Assembly.

Other items included a report by Marion Spaulding '54 on the Community Chest. Although Middlefell $150 below its quota. contributions were higher than last year.

It was announced that Middlebury women may drive cars when their parents accompany them.

Music Professor Dies On Dec. 27

Professor Emeritus of Music Lewis Jackson Hathaway died Sun., December 27, in his daughter's home in Middlebury. He was 82 years old.

Professor Hathaway was dean of the department of music from 1916 to 1941 when he retired. During that time he was also organist and director of music at the Congregational Church here. For eight years he was conductor of the Vermont Choral Society and for four years served as president of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra Association.

He was graduated from Montpelier High School, the Department of Music at Montpelier Seminary, now Vermont Junior College, and the New England Conservatory in Boston. He also studied in Germany for a year, in London, in Paris, in Boston at Harvard, and in New York at the Julliard School.

The professor's friends have established a fund in his memory for the college's music studio. Contributions should be sent to H. W. Bedford, RD 2, Middlebury.

Spring Semester Registration Open

Registration for second semester is now in progress. Deadlines were announced this week by Marion Holmes, Registrar. Freshmen and sophomore registration must be completed by tomorrow, January 8. Juniors and seniors have until January 15.

The registration folders may be obtained in the Registrar's office, Old Chapel 6. All adviser's cards must be signed by the faculty adviser and the completed forms returned to the office. The folders also include class schedules.

Anyone who does not meet their deadline is liable to a fee. Second semester classes begin on February 2. Early registration is advised if possible to avoid waiting in the last minute rush.

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